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‘These are tears of relief’

AUTOMATIC LIFE SENTENCE

Paul Calnen guilty of second-degree murder in killing of Reita Jordan



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Reita Jordan’s family shed tears a few times in court over the last three weeks.

On Sunday, they were tears of a different kind.

“These are tears of relief,” said Jordan’s mother, Donna, after the verdict. “I’m so glad.”

The jury delivered its verdict Sunday morning, finding 52-year-old Paul Calnen guilty of second-degree murder in the 2013 killing of his 34-year-old girlfriend.

“I wish that would bring my daughter back, but it never will,” Jordan said.

“But at least for her … she’ll rest now.”

In the courtroom, about a dozen of Jordan’s family members who had watched the whole trial unfold let out a cheer and hugged each other.

Crown attorney Rick Woodburn’s emotions were more muted, but he said after the verdict he and his partner, Susan MacKay, were happy the case made it to the jury.

“We’re glad that justice was done in the end,” Woodburn said.





Donna and Warren Jordan talk to reporters after the jury delivered its verdict. Inset: Paul Calnen. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

The 12 jurors took more than 20 hours of deliberations over four days to come to their verdict.

The trial could’ve ended abruptly last week after the defence filed a motion for a directed verdict of acquittal — a legal move arguing there wasn’t enough evidence to convict Calnen of murder.

Defence attorney Peter Planetta said he’d be reviewing that ruling by Justice James Chipman, along with a few others, and he expects to file an appeal of the verdict, which he called “surprising.”

He said his client was shocked.

“He feels like I would expect anyone to feel when they’ve been convicted when there wasn’t enough evidence,” Planetta said.

Calnen shook his head when the decision was read out.

He was taken directly to jail in Burnside after court Sunday to begin serving an automatic life sentence.

Justice Chipman scheduled a sentencing hearing for Jan. 27, when Calnen will find out for how long he’ll be ineligible for parole.

Given an opportunity to recommend parole ineligibility, three jurors recommended the minimum of 10 years, one recommended 15 years, one recommended 20 years, two recommended the maximum of 25 years, and five had no recommendation.

Calnen will also be sentenced in January for the charge to which he pleaded guilty: Indecently interfering with human remains — in this case, burning Jordan’s body. That carries no minimum penalty, and a maximum sentence of five years.

The Crown staked its case on what Calnen did to Jordan’s body after she was dead, arguing those actions were a concerted effort to destroy evidence that would implicate him in the murder.

The defence argued Jordan had died accidentally after falling down the stairs during an argument, and that Calnen simply panicked, and burned Jordan’s body fearing no one would believe his story.

> **“We have the death of a young woman, and we have a man who’s going to go away for life in prison. There’s no winners here.**
> Crown attorney Rick Woodburn

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SNOW-CLEARING

Staff reviews winter maintenance service



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

For what may be the last time before the snow falls in Halifax, the issue of snow-clearing will yet again descend upon city hall.

Discussions are set around changes to the city's snow-clearing program in order to improve accessibility on sidewalks and bus stops, according to a staff report headed to Tuesday's regional council meeting.

To prepare for Jack Frost's imminent arrival, the report says Trevor Harvie, acting supervisor of winter operations, met with all in-house staff and sidewalk contractors to review service level and performance expectations.

"It was emphasized that curb cuts, bus stops and access to crosswalk activation buttons must be cleared so that they do not become barriers to mobility," the report reads.

It goes on to explain that the majority of contractors have purchased additional equipment after last winter, which saw many of the city's sidewalks buried under layers of snow and ice.

Other changes — including the installation of automatic vehicle locators on sidewalk clearing equipment, to be completed by Dec. 1 and an updated GIS map to identify the locations of bus stops and catch-basins — are listed in the report.

> **Access to crosswalk activation buttons must be cleared.**
> City staff report

SUNSHINE LIST

City prepares to vote on disclosing salaries

The salaries of Halifax's top earners are one step closer to being made public to taxpayers.

In a report headed to Tuesday's regional council meeting, staff recommended councillors vote in favour of a new administrative order, legislating that the salaries of HRM employees, along with those employed with the Halifax Regional Library Board and the Halifax Regional Water Commission, be disclosed if they earn more than $100,000.

HRM was given permission by the province to disclose their "sunshine list" in May, and the list can be enacted for the first time by the end of this fiscal year. The new policy recommends that employees' salaries, along with their name, position and other financial compensation, should be published on a website "in order to make it as widely available as possible."

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

'Happy' to take part

HEALTH

Dalhousie med student is off to Paris for UN climate talks



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax medical student is headed to Paris to help point out how healing our planet also keeps us healthy.

Kit Moran, a first-year medical student at Dalhousie University, is one of seven in the world to represent the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference later this month.

"Climate change is a major threat to our environment, but it's also a major threat to our health, and Paris is a unique opportunity to address both," the 25-year-old from northern British Columbia said Friday.

Both issues are linked since the factors that cause greenhouse gas also impact your health, Moran said, citing studies that link air pollution to increased cases of lung cancer.

The World Health Organization predicts 250,000 more deaths over the next 30 years due to malaria and other climate change-related factors, Moran said.

Moran said when he opened up his email a couple weeks ago to see he'd been chosen with another Canadian, he was "thrilled" since it had slipped to the back of his mind after applying in August.

Moran, who has an environmental science undergraduate degree from Dalhousie and did an environmental policy master's degree in Britain, said applying for the delegation seemed like a "natural fit."

"We're going to see the effects of climate change in our practice," Moran said.

"It's important that we have representatives … that we're involved."

Moran and the other students from Panama, Denmark, Tunisia, Italy and Australia will be attending a youth conference before the official one that runs two and half weeks starting Nov. 30, he said.

There they'll have access to many of the conversations involving politicians, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Moran said, adding he wants to be "hopeful" but is waiting to see what the Liberals bring forward.

Although Moran will be heading to Paris this weekend as the city deals with recent terror attacks that left 129 dead, he said there will likely be more security but the conference is too big to stop.

"It hasn't really changed my outlook on what I'm going there to do," Moran said.

"Paris is going to be a really special time for the climate movement, and I'm just happy to be part of it.



Kit Moran, a first-year medical student, is **one of seven youth taking part in the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris to discuss how the environment affects health.** HALEY RYAN/METRO

> **There's not much point of saving the environment if you're not saving your health, too.**
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Halifax airport dealing with more bomb threats

SECURITY

One flight was diverted, another was evacuated



Stephanie Taylor
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Halifax's airport garnered international attention this past week, as three flights were either diverted or delayed there due to bomb threats.

On Sunday, RCMP in Halifax responded to two separate security threats that came less than 12 hours apart at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

"Any time a flight is diverted to Halifax International Airport or is delayed due to a threat, it's obviously very concerning," RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb said Sunday.

One flight was a Turkish Airlines A330 passenger jet travelling from New York to Istanbul, carrying 256 passengers and crew.

Once a bomb threat was received, police said the aircraft was rerouted to Halifax and landed at 12:53 a.m.

After they searched the aircraft, RCMP found no explosives and turned the plane back over to Turkish Airlines around 4:30 a.m.

Around three hours later, police said they received a second call about a bomb threat, this time made against WestJet flight 229 bound for Calgary.

Again, RCMP officers, along with bomb-sniffing dogs and members of the explosives disposal unit, searched the aircraft, luggage and cargo after 96 passengers and six crew members were evacuated.

The search concluded around 9 a.m., with no explosives found, and the aircraft was released back to WestJet.

"The details pertaining to the threat against WestJet Flight 229 bound for Calgary won't be released, as doing so could jeopardize the investigation," Lobb said Sunday. "However, I can confirm that the threat is not related to the threat made against the Turkish Airlines flight."

Last Tuesday, an Air France flight bound for Paris was diverted to Halifax and a second flight was diverted to Salt Lake City due to "anonymous threats," but nothing was found on either aircraft.

Lobb said she wouldn't speculate on the frequency of the threats, but emphasized the incidents were not specific to Halifax's airport.

Although Sunday's incidents remain under investigation, Lobb said she does not believe extra security has been added at the airport.



A police officer and his sniffer dog head through the terminal at Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Wednesday. The airport has been dealing with **three bomb threats involving planes in under a week.** ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **We want to remind citizens that the Air France and Turkish Airlines flight were diverted to Halifax because it was the closet airport.** RCMP Const. Tammy Lobb

N.S. CONNECTION

Threat is 'callous disregard for other people': Airport

Halifax police say the bomb threat made against a WestJet flight bound for Calgary came from inside Nova Scotia.

RCMP said the 96 passengers and six crew members aboard WestJet Flight 229 were evacuated, while members of the explosives disposal unit and bomb-sniffing dogs searched the aircraft, following a security threat made against the plane around 7 a.m.

No explosives were found and the aircraft was handed over to WestJet Airlines around 9 a.m.

"We can confirm that the threat was received from within Nova Scotia," RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb said Sunday. "Anymore specific details aren't being released at this time."

The vice-president of corporate communications at Halifax Stanfield International Airport called the incident an "irritant," while saying the diversion of a Turkish Airlines flight that happened earlier Sunday morning, and an Air France flight that was rerouted to Halifax last week, were more coincidental given the airport's location.

"It shows a callous disregard for other people," Spurway said.

"I would be very pleased to have the RCMP be able to apprehend the people who did this."

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Light flashers a hazard

Nova Scotia Power is warning parents about faulty LED clip-on light flashers that were handed out to kids during the Chronicle Herald Holiday Parade of Lights this weekend.

According to a release issued Sunday — the day after the parade — the company says the battery compartment of the clip-on LED flasher is not secure.

NO COMMENT

When asked for comment Sunday, a company spokesperson declined and pointed to the news release.

So far, they said the IWK Health Centre has reported two incidents of young children ingesting batteries.

The company is now asking parents to keep the lights, which were intended to promote pedestrian safety, out of the hands of children and throw them away, if necessary.

The company estimates it handed out approximately 4,700 lights in yellow, blue and red. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

ON THE ROADS

No injuries in collision

A head-on collision on a Dartmouth highway Sunday evening was the result of a 61-year-old driver travelling in the wrong lane, police said. The 61-year-old woman who was travelling southbound on the wrong side of the highway has had her licence suspended for seven days, in addition to receiving a summary offence ticket. METRO





Canadian Defence Minister Harjit Singh Sajjan leads a five kilometre run along the harbour on the third day of the Halifax International Security Forum in Halifax on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sajjan stands firm on withdrawal from air campaign against ISIL

SECURITY

Canada to increase number of ground troops

Canadian Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan is suggesting CF-18 fighter jets would make little difference in the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) if Canada doesn't focus completely on its training mission in Iraq.

Sajjan faced more questions Sunday at the close of the Halifax International Security Forum about the Liberal government's plans to withdraw the fighter jets from the fight against ISIL.

"Myself and the government feel we need to focus on the training," he said. "If we do not get that piece right, it does not matter where one bomb drops."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said last week that Canada will increase the number of ground troops, currently at 69, in Iraq to train local forces as a way of making a bigger military contribution to the coalition fighting militants.

The Liberals promised during the election campaign that they would withdraw Canada's CF-18 jet fighters. The former Conservative government committed to keeping them involved in coalition air strikes until March.

However following the terrorist attacks in Paris this month, the opposition Conservatives and some premiers have called on the government to rethink abandoning the air campaign.

Sajjan reiterated on Sunday that Canada is part of a coalition in the fight against ISIL, and noted that other members of the coalition are contributing resources to airstrikes.

> **We're going to be taking the fight to ISIL ... and we work as part of a team.** Harjit Sajjan

"As tragic as those events are, the solution is not based on one tool," he said. "The solution is based on our efforts working as a coalition with all the tools together."

Sajjan sidestepped reporters' questions on whether Canada's allies used this weekend's security forum as a chance to raise the issue of Canada's decision to withdraw from the combat mission.

But the former envoy to the American-led global coalition to defeat ISIL, said the decision to withdraw fighter jets is up to Canada and the United States would respect the decision.

"That's a sovereign decision of Canada and we'll support that decision," Retired Gen. John Allen said in an interview with The Canadian Press on Saturday.

"We won't ever question that, but we would be poised and ready to provide whatever information or advice that would be asked of us."

Sajjan also stressed the need to stay ahead of terrorist groups by getting better at spotting indications of threats "so we can deal with the threat when it's at it's infancy."

"That's how we are going to be able to move forward and Canada is very good at that."

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Peter Van Praagh, president of the Halifax International Security Forum, fields questions on Friday.

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Hijab Day event praised as 'fabulous' and 'timely'

RELIGION

Dozens meet at Halifax library to learn about Muslim faith



Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

Edith Croft grinned as she looked in the mirror after trying on a hijab for the first time.

"I love trying new things," she said. "This was on my bucket list."

On Saturday, a group of local Muslims gave other Halifonians the opportunity to try on a hijab at the Halifax Central Library.

Ashley Levy, a library employee, stopped by the booth on her lunch break.

"I think they're really pretty but they're a little warm," laughed Levy, sporting a red and gold scarf. "This (event) is fabulous and really timely."

Madison Holmans, who converted to Islam almost three years ago, was one of the event organizers.

"I think it's really important to educate people and clear up some misconceptions," said Holmans. "A lot of people think that we're oppressed and that we need to be saved.... I just want people to know that's not the case."



Ashley Levy gets fitted with a hijab at the Hijab Day event at the Halifax Central Library on Saturday. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

Holmans said wearing the hijab is a religious obligation, but it's also a personal choice.

"Just like if I actually decide not to drink alcohol when I'm not supposed to," she explained. "It's based off of my action. Nobody forces us to wear it."

For Holmans, the hijab is a symbol of modesty.

"It reinforces every day that I step out of my house — who I am and what I believe in."

Roaa Katout, 13, who helped out at the booth, was happy about the encouraging response.

"I just want people to not see (the hijab) as a negative thing," said Katout.

Attendees left post-it notes after trying on the hijab with messages such as: "I feel pretty," "I love what this stands for" and "Thank you for sharing."

The event included a panel discussion, with several women and youths speaking about their personal experiences. They all echoed that wearing the hijab was something they chose on their own.

> **People seem really interested and they want to support us. They're willing to learn.**
> Madison Holmans

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Officer cleared of assault charge

The independent body in Nova Scotia that investigates serious incidents involving police has dismissed a complaint by a man who accused an officer of grabbing his penis earlier this year.

The Serious Incident Response Team says two town officers in Annapolis Royal were investigating a complaint that a truck was driving the wrong way on a one-way street when they learned the driver didn't have registration or insurance.

When the driver refused to provide identification, the senior officer said he would be arrested and a struggle ensued, lasting for several minutes.

In his complaint, the man said his jeans ripped and fell down, along with the pyjama bottoms he was wearing underneath, exposing his genitals.

The man said that after he was handcuffed, one of the officers grabbed his penis during a pat-down search for possible weapons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WITNESSES

The team's report says witnesses provided evidence the man's genitals were not exposed, the officers did nothing wrong and that even if the man's penis was touched, "it was clear this was very brief and only for the lawful search."

FISCAL PLAN

Province reaches tentative deal with medical residents

The Nova Scotia government says a tentative agreement has been reached with the province's medical residents. Details of the agreement, which covers 385 medical residents in Nova Scotia, will not be released until it is ratified by association members. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Father Christmas leads children on a parade through Citadel Hill during the 26th annual Victorian Christmas on Sunday. The event was able to take place despite what was a very wet Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'We celebrate the culture we follow'

COMMUNITY

Youth group awarded Peace Medallion



Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

Rupesh Dhungana says he never expected to get an award — he was just doing what he felt he was supposed to do.

Dhungana is the president of the Druk Atlantic Youth Society, an organization that has received the Peace Medallion from the YMCA of Greater Halifax and Dartmouth.

"It's an honour," Dhungana said Saturday.

Druk Atlantic is a group for Bhutanese children and youth, but Dhungana said youth from all communities are welcome.

"We celebrate the culture we follow, and the culture they follow here," he said. "It's nothing different. We all share love; we all share peace."

The society comes together and organizes different events, such as fundraising.

"When Nepal was going through a hard time — when they had an earthquake there — we collected around $10,000 and supported the children over there," said Dhungana.

Many of the group members are part of the multi-generational families who resettled in Bhutan to escape refugee camps in Nepal. The group's aim is to maintain their Nepalese culture, as well as to share it with others.

"We are planning on starting a Nepali class for the kids, because it is our mother language and they have forgotten it," explained Dhungana. "Our parents are really worried about that."

The award presentation was part of the wrap-up to the YMCA's annual World Peace Week events.

"Peace is not just about conflict," said Brian Posavad, president and CEO of the Halifax YMCA. "It's about community fabric (and) it's about well-being."

YMCA locations around the country have been participating in Peace Week for about 30 years.

"Our goal is to get the word out that there are great people doing great things to help make this a better community," said Posavad.



Rupesh Dhungana, president of Druk Atlantic Youth Society, received the YMCA Peace Medallion as World Peace Week wrapped up. REBECCA DINGWELL/METRO

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ROAD SAFETY

Weekend bad one for pedestrian collisions

This weekend saw several cars hit pedestrians.

Halifax Regional Police arrived on scene Saturday shortly after 6 p.m., after a woman, 32, ran across University Avenue in a marked crosswalk and was struck by a vehicle turning left from South Park Street onto University Avenue.

Police said the victim was thrown to the ground and taken to hospital with scrapes and bruises. Police are investigating. No charges have been laid, according to police.

About 40 minutes after that accident, a 28-year-old man walking on the north side of North Street towards an intersection at Clifton Street when he was hit by a car travelling northbound. The driver, a 35-year-old woman, immediately pulled over and called police. She was ticketed for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The man was taken to hospital with a broken ankle. METRO

TEENS HIT

Teens hit in crosswalks
Over the course of the weekend, two other drivers, a 75-year-old woman and 64-year-old woman, were separately ticketed after they hit teens in crosswalks.

IN BRIEF

Man robs convenience store at knifepoint
A Halifax-area convenience store was robbed at knifepoint on Saturday night.

Halifax Regional Police say around 11 p.m. a man carrying a large knife threatened the clerk at the Needs store, 266 St. Margaret's Bay Road. The thief fled with some money and the employee wasn't hurt.

Police describe the suspect as a slim man with short dark hair, wearing a beige hunting jacket.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.
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Hand over clip, Younger told

POLITICS

Ex-minister's fate hinges on his providing recording

A festering political feud took another strange turn Friday when the speaker of the Nova Scotia legislature issued a warrant ordering a former cabinet minister to produce a secret recording of his exchange with the premier's chief of staff.

Kevin Murphy gave former Liberal environment minister Andrew Younger until noon Monday to provide the full recording of a conversation he made in his constituency office in February with Kirby McVicar.

A portion of the audio and an anonymous letter, which were dropped off Wednesday at a government office, suggest McVicar was trying to bribe Younger by offering a job to his wife.

If Younger doesn't provide the complete recording, he could be found in contempt of the house and possibly expelled if a majority of his former party colleagues vote to have him removed.



Former Liberal cabinet minister Andrew Younger THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Younger has insisted he does not have the full recording of the conversation, of which 43 seconds were released to the media Thursday. He swore a legal oath Friday that he didn't have it.

> **Mr. Younger is the most tech-savvy member of this legislature.**
>
> Michel Samson, Liberal house leader

Premier Stephen McNeil handed the files over to the RCMP, saying they appear to make a serious allegation although he pointed out that much of the context is missing. That's why the entire recording should be released, he said.

Younger was also asked if he dropped off the package containing the letter and 43-second clip, but cited the police investigation in refusing to answer directly.



Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Outside the legislature, Younger said he is at a loss over how he will provide something he claims not to have.

"I need to go figure out how to deal with a warrant for an item that, quite frankly, is asking me to produce something that doesn't exist or certainly I don't have," he told reporters.

Liberal house leader Michel Samson said the party has reason to believe it was Younger who delivered the package and might provide proof of that at a later date.

He also dismissed Younger's assertion that he doesn't have the recording because his government-issued smartphone was wiped clean after the premier fired him earlier this month.

McNeil has said he fired Younger from his position as environment minister and removed him from the Liberal caucus because he didn't provide accurate information on when he knew about a parliamentary privilege he invoked to avoid appearing at an assault trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

REBUILDING

Support engulfs parishioners

Although fire destroyed St. Mary's Polish Church in Sydney on Nov. 29, 2014, Tom Urbaniak and other church members are choosing to face the upcoming one-year anniversary with gratefulness and optimism.

"Rather than observing it as a sad anniversary, we've invited the workers who are working on the church to join parishioners for lunch after Sunday mass and it will be an opportunity for parishioners to get to know the people who are working on the church and to say thank you and wish them all the best as they continue their good work," said Urbaniak on Saturday afternoon, surrounded by hundreds of people who lined up outside to attend the parish's Christmas bazaar at the Polish Village Hall.

Crowds of shoppers filled the hall looking for holiday bargains from 35 vendors selling everything from Polish memorabilia and foods to jewelry and handcrafted goods.

"It's an amazing turnout," said Urbaniak. "There's been wonderful community support throughout the rebuilding — we can't say thank you enough to people from across Cape Breton who have shown their kindness and solidarity."

His sentiments were echoed by Nicole Baker, an organizer of the bazaar.

"You would not believe the kind donations, the support, the kind words and the letters from all across Canada and really North America, has been just overwhelming," said Baker. CAPE BRETON POST

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STUDY

Known killers get lighter sentences

Men who kill their female partners are more likely to be criminally convicted than men accused of killing strangers — but they also tend to get lighter sentences, a Canadian study concludes.

The research, being published in the journal Current Sociology, finds that men who kill their wives, girlfriends or other female family members are handed shorter prison terms than men who kill strangers.

In fact, according to the findings, men who kill women they know are treated more leniently at most stages of the criminal-justice process, such as facing fewer charges of first-degree murder.

> **Some exploratory research has shown that premeditation or intent is actually more likely in cases involving men who kill female partners.**
> Myrna Dawson

Study author Myrna Dawson, an associate sociology professor at the University of Guelph, calls it the "intimacy discount."

"This may mean that women killed by male partners are still seen as property and, as such, these femicides are not treated as seriously as other femicides," the study states.

Another factor at play could be that femicide of a partner or family member is typically seen as a spontaneous "crime of passion" or the result of victim provocation.

"Despite the dominance of these beliefs, there has been little examination of the validity of resulting stereotypes," Dawson said.

Perhaps counterintuitively, given the lighter sentences, the study found that men who kill intimate partners are convicted at rates three times higher than men who kill female strangers.

Crimes involving relatives tend to be easier both to solve and prosecute, research suggests. The shorter sentences could therefore be due to charges that are more often reduced in exchange for guilty pleas.

"Understanding whether the plea process or common stereotypes associated with intimacy and violence explain this relationship (between convictions and sentencing) is a crucial next step and one that I am currently examining," Dawson said.

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CONFERENCE

One Young World torch passed to Ottawa



Lucy Scholey
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IN BANGKOK

It was a humid November night in Bangkok, yet all eyes were on Ottawa at the One Young World Summit.

Wearing Canadian flag bandanas and red sneakers, Ottawa Tourism representatives and Canadian youth pumped up a raucous crowd of 1,300 people from around the world.

It was the closing ceremonies of the conference for youth leaders aged 18 to 30 that has attracted speakers like Jamie Oliver and Bill Clinton in the past. Ottawa is hosting the event next year at the Shaw Centre.

"Ottawa is proud to be the first Canadian city to host One Young World," Mayor Jim Watson told the crowd, after Bangkok Gov. Sukhumbhand Paribatra officially handed over the baton.

Thailand's capital was plastered with promotional light blue One Young World posters this week. Ottawa can expect similar pageantry and an influx of 1,300 youth in the city next year.

It seems like many delegates are keen to head to the chillier capital for next year's event Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. At a panel for urban innovation on Friday, the crowd cheered when the mayor asked if they would come to Ottawa.

"If I get the chance, I would like to," 28-year-old Salisson Sani Isaak, a delegate from Niger, told Metro on Friday. He came for simple reasons: inspiration and to return home with the skills gleaned from the group sessions. Other delegates applied to network with youth or pitch a business idea to a potential sponsor.

The closing ceremonies marked the mayor's last event on a weeklong Asia trip that included an economic mission to Beijing. He's scheduled to land in Ottawa on Monday, in time for Wednesday's council meeting.



From left, Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna, Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Prince Edward Island Premier Wade MacLauchlan, British Columbia Premier Christy Clark, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Paul Davis, Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, New Brunswick Premier Brian Gallant, Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and Northwest Territories Premier Bob McLeod pose for a group photo on Signal Hill overlooking the harbour at the summer meeting of Canada's premiers in St. John's in July. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Premiers meet to talk climate change

FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT

Meeting held ahead of Paris conference



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the premiers sit down in Ottawa on Monday to discuss climate change, it will be the first full-blown meeting of Canada's first ministers since 2009.

But while the premiers of the two largest provinces said they welcome federal re-engagement, they also warned the new government not to disregard the provinces' progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"There's always a tendency for governments that come into office to tend to think that nothing meaningful happened before they came into office," Quebec premier Philippe Couillard told a panel discussion at the Canada 2020 policy conference in Ottawa.

"We are very happy that we're going to be working with the federal government, but let's resist the temptation of starting from scratch."

Quebec has established a cap-and-trade system with California in order to reduce emissions, and has its own green fund. Ontario is working to join the cap-and-trade system, and scrapped coal-fired power plants.

Couillard's co-panellist, Ontario premier Kathleen Wynne, called Monday's meeting "very important" but also made the point that some provinces have established initiatives that shouldn't be disregarded.

> **We need to come to grips with the challenge we're facing — and we need to act.** Catherine McKenna

"We're not looking to the federal government for some kind of unilateral imposition of a particular standardized regime across the country. What we're looking for is support for the initiatives we're taking."

Couillard also said Canada needs a "rebranding" in Paris.

"Yes, we are a major oil-producing country, but we are also one of the most important producers of renewable energy in the world. This has to be part of the story," he said. "Let's start thinking of ourselves as a competitor to Norway, rather than Saudi Arabia."

Couillard and Wynne's comments were preceded by a speech from Environment Minister Catherine McKenna saying Canada can be a leader on the world stage carbon reduction and clean energy, but that it wouldn't be easy.

"Here's the thing about evidence-based policy making — sometimes it's going to lead us to a difficult place and to difficult choices," she said. "But that's where we are today."

OILSANDS

Alberta to implement carbon tax policy

Alberta took what it hopes will be the first step toward shedding its status as international environmental pariah Sunday by revealing a sweeping climate change plan.

The plan, the result of months of study and public input, will introduce a broad-based carbon tax that would apply across the economy. The government will move to phase out the province's coal-fired power generation by 2030.

And it will introduce a hard cap on greenhouse gas emissions for the oilsands.

"This is the day we step up, at long last, to one of the world's biggest problems — the pollution that is causing climate change," Premier Rachel Notley said as she announced her government's new policy in Edmonton on Sunday.

"I'm hopeful these policies will lead to a new collaborative conversation about Canada's energy infrastructure on its merits and to a significant de-escalation of conflict worldwide about the Alberta oilsands." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alberta Premier Rachel Notley
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PARIS ATTACKS

Details on suspects revealed

French police and prosecutors, friends and families, and journalists have unveiled details about those accused of carrying out the attacks in Paris. Altogether, authorities say that three teams participated in the bloody assault. At least one suspected participant remains at large. Here's what's known about some of the suspects:

1 Abdelhamid Abaaoud

French investigators identified Belgian-born Abaaoud as the architect of the Paris attacks. A U.S. official said Abaaoud was a key figure in an Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) external operations cell that U.S. intelligence agencies have been tracking for months.

How and when Abaaoud entered France before his death remains unclear. He had bragged in ISIL's English-language magazine that he was able to slip in and out of Europe undetected.

2 Salah Abdeslam

Salah Abdeslam is sought as a suspected accomplice in the attacks and is described by French police as highly dangerous. He is the suspected driver of a group of gunmen during the attacks. Authorities identified him as the renter of a Volkswagen Polo that carried hostage-takers to the Paris theatre.

Officials said Abdeslam entered Austria from Germany on Nov. 9 with two unidentified companions. They said they were planning a vacation in Vienna.

3 Ahmad Al-Mohammad

That's the name written on a Syrian passport found near one of the suicide bombers. The document describes Al-Mohammad as a 25-year-old from the rebel-held Syrian city Idlib. French officials said in a statement that the bomber's fingerprints match a set taken in Greece in October.

A Greek official says the person holding Al-Mohammad's passport went through administrative processing on the Greek island of Leros after setting out from Turkey. He later entered Serbia, where authorities took fingerprints that match those given in Greece, and he then crossed into Croatia the next day.

4 Hasna Aitboulahcen

Authorities are investigating whether the 26-year-old female had a role in the Paris attacks. Authorities say Aitboulahcen died in the police raid on the apartment where Abaaoud was holed up. On Friday, prosecutors said she didn't kill herself by detonating a suicide vest as previously thought.

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"The terror threat is wider than just that person.
Interior Minister Jan Jambon on Salah Abdeslam and additional suspects believed to be in the Brussels area

Soldiers stand guard in front of the central train station on Nov. 22 in Brussels, as the Belgian capital remained on top alert over fears of a Paris-style attack. EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Brussels at standstill over terrorism threat

BELGIUM

Police detain 16 people in 22 raids; one man still at large

Belgian prosecutors announced early Monday that police had detained 16 people in 22 raids but that Paris fugitive Salah Abdeslam was not among them.

Federal prosecutor Eric Van Der Sypt said that "no firearms or explosives were discovered," in the raids — 19 in Brussels and three in Charleroi in the country's south. One of those detained was injured when a car he was in tried to ram police during an attempted getaway.

"The investigation continues," Van Der Sypt said.

The raids capped a tense day with hundreds of troops patrolling and authorities hunting for one or more suspected militants, the Belgian government chose Sunday to keep the capital on the highest state of alert into the start of the workweek to prevent a Paris-style attack.

Citing a "serious and imminent" threat, Prime Minister Charles Michel announced that schools and universities in Brussels will be closed Monday, with the subway remaining shut down, preventing a return to normal in the city that is also home to the European Union's main institutions.

"We fear an attack like in Paris, with several individuals, perhaps in several places," Michel said after chairing a meeting of Belgium's National Security Council.

While Brussels was kept on the highest of four alert levels, the rest of the country remains on a Level 3 alert, meaning an attack is "possible and likely."

"Nobody is pleased with such a situation. Neither are we. But we have to take our responsibility," Michel said.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

When Belgian authorities asked people to stop commenting on ongoing police operations in social media to avoid tipping off suspects during Sunday's raids, people unexpectedly responded by tweeting cat pictures. The hashtag #BrusselsLockdown suddenly shifted from serious to humorous tweets, with a flood of pictures of cats holding their paws up as captured suspects and ignoring police warnings to stay away from windows.

RUSSIA

Air raids advance Syrian troops

Syrian President Bashar Assad says his forces are advancing on "almost" all fronts thanks to Russian airstrikes that began nearly two months ago and have tipped the balance in his favour in some parts of the country.

In remarks published Sunday, Assad told China's Phoenix Television that the Russians depend on Syrian ground forces and "cooperate with us." He added that Syrian troops had achieved victories in some areas before the strikes began but "could not be present everywhere in Syria."

Russia, which has conducted an air campaign in Syria since Sept. 30, sharply raised its intensity in recent days on President Vladimir Putin's orders after Moscow said it had confirmed that a bomb brought down a Russian plane over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people on board.

"Following the participation of Russian air force in fighting terrorism, the situation improved well. I can say that the army now is advancing almost on every front," Assad said in the interview. Assad said the Russian airstrikes are more effective than those of the U.S.-led coalition because Moscow is co-ordinating with his government, saying "you cannot fight terrorism with airstrikes alone." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Syrian President Bashar Assad
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UNITED STATES

'Do not succumb to fear,' Obama warns

Trying to reassure a nation on edge, U.S. President Barack Obama said Sunday the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) "cannot strike a mortal blow" against the U.S. and warned that overreacting to the Paris attacks would play into extremists' hands. "We will destroy this terrorist organization," he vowed.

Ending a trip to Asia, Obama implored Americans not to let the spectre of terror cause them to compromise their values or change the way they live.

"We do not succumb to fear," he said. "The most powerful tool we have to fight ISIL is to say that we're not afraid, to not elevate them, to somehow buy into their fantasy that they're doing something important," Obama said.

"I think it is absolutely vital for every country, every leader, to send a signal that the viciousness of a handful of killers does not stop the world from doing vital business," Obama said.

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ISRAEL-PALESTINE

Woman killed near Jerusalem

A young Israeli woman was stabbed to death by a Palestinian who was among three assailants to be shot dead following separate attacks Sunday, Israeli security forces said, with the latest flare-up of violence coming ahead of a visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

The 21-year-old Israeli woman was seriously wounded when a Palestinian attacked her with a knife in the West Bank Sunday afternoon before being shot and killed by soldiers nearby, the military said. Dr. Ofer Merin of the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem said "the young woman was stabbed numerous times in the head, chest and the area of the heart." He said despite attempts by medics to save her, she succumbed to her wounds.

The attack occurred at the Gush Etzion junction near Jerusalem, the scene of multiple Palestinian attacks against civilians and security forces over the past two months.

In an earlier attack, the military said a woman pulled out a knife at the entrance to a military base and began approaching civilians. A local West Bank settler leader, Gershon Mesika, said he veered off the road and struck the woman with his vehicle. A soldier then fired at her and killed her.

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Landslide kills 100

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The collapse occurred Saturday evening in the Kachin state community of Hpakant, said Brang Seng, a jade businessman, who watched as bodies were pulled from the debris and taken to a hospital morgue.

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Refugees wait to be allowed by the Macedonian police to cross the borderline to Macedonia, near the Greek village of Idomeni, Sunday. GIANNIS PAPANIKOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tensions rise in Macedonia

BORDER PROTESTS

Some countries say only 'war-zone refugees' will be allowed

Migrants barred from crossing the Greece-Macedonia border held a fourth day of protests Sunday, as Macedonia's president criticized the European Union over the refugee crisis for a lack of financial support and data sharing.

The influx of migrants into Macedonia has heightened tensions in the country, President Gjorgje Ivanov said.

"The risk of possible conflict between refugees and migrants, the migrants and police and army, and between migrants and local people is rated as high," Ivanov told reporters Sunday after meeting with visiting European Council president Donald Tusk in Macedonia's capital, Skopje.

Several European countries, including EU members Slovenia and Croatia and non-members Serbia and Macedonia, have declared they will only allow "war-zone refugees" from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to transit through their countries on their way to central and northern Europe.

This policy has left many others stranded in the Greek border town for four days, demanding to be let in and chanting slogans such as "Freedom!" and "We are not terrorists."

On Sunday, an Iranian man threatened to cut his wrists with a razor if not allowed into Macedonia. Police intervened to disarm him, but, in the scuffle, he cut his face. The number of migrants being barred from entering Macedonia has fallen significantly Sunday, from more than 2,000 to around 1,300 in the early evening.

Many of them took buses and taxis to Athens and Thessaloniki. Greek police believe they may be trying to find other routes, including with the help of smugglers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1,300

The number of migrants bring barred from entering Macedonia Sunday.

MALI

Attack delays peace talks

The assault on a luxury hotel in Mali's capital that killed 19 people was a clear attempt to derail a fragile peace process meant to stabilize the country's volatile north, a representative of northern separatist groups said Sunday.

Halting peace negotiations have been dragging on between the central government and northern separatist groups for more than two years in an effort to end the disputes that turned large sections of the country into a haven for radical Islamic militants. The talks have shown some promise in recent months.

The Radisson Blu hotel attacked by two gunmen on Friday was preparing to host a meeting on implementing the latest accords.

"The attack was targeting the peace agreement," said Sidi Brahim Ould Sidati, a representative of the Coordination of Azawad Movements, known by its French acronym CMA. The CMA is a coalition of groups seeking autonomy in northern Mali and includes ethnic Arabs and Tuaregs.

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CANADIANS

Vancouver executives trapped in rooms

Two Vancouver businessmen hid silently in their rooms for seven hours as gunmen stormed their hotel in Mali, sending text messages describing the sounds of gunfire and grenades to horrified colleagues in Canada.

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1 Which Canadian city most deserves the honour of "best destination"?

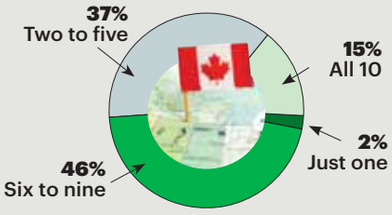
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WE ASKED Metro readers

2 How many Canadian provinces have you been to?



3 What's the best thing Canada has to offer tourists?

54% Natural wonders
15% Arts and culture
9% Events and festivals
8% Exciting cities
4% Skiing and snowboarding
4% Cuisine
2% Fishing and hunting
1% Cruises and tours
4% Other

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Investigation needed into alleged racism

HALIFAX MATTERS
Stephen Kimber



There are still many unanswered questions about what Shandell McNamara calls "the most humiliating experience of my life."

McNamara, a 27-year-old mixed-race woman, went to the Fenwick Street Shoppers Drug Mart last Monday night to pick up a package. Instead, she was confronted by the associate-owner, who claimed the store had video footage showing her stealing earrings. She was banned for life, he informed her in front of other customers and staff, and she would be charged with trespassing if she dared cross its threshold again.

"I was so confused, I couldn't even be angry," she told Metro's Haley Ryan.

McNamara, who insists she didn't steal anything, says she asked to view the video, or get a written copy of her ban. The owner refused.

She called Shoppers head office. Someone there told her there was nothing it could do; such decisions belonged to the operator.

A police spokesperson told Ryan stores are private property. Nothing they could do, either.

Really?

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Act says it's illegal to discriminate against someone on the basis of race in "the provision of or access to services." The Anti-Racism Resource Centre says "singling out an individual for greater scrutiny for no other reason other than their race…" is an example of prohibited behaviour.

Yet the police didn't think to suggest McNamara take her concerns to the Human Rights Commission?

Shoppers later released an official email response claiming — without specifying — Metro's account was "inaccurate." It backed its associate-owner's claim about the incident, apparently only on his say-so. Its statement added the associate-owner "did not press charges but certainly could have…"

He should now. Then the video can be presented in court, and we can all get some answers.

I'd promised myself I wouldn't write anything more about Andrew Younger. And I wouldn't… except there's inevitably another, more unbelievable twist to this slippery soap opera.

Last week's almost latest: Premier McNeil has refused to let his chief of staff, Kirby McVicar, publicly explain a 43-second audio clip in which he appears to offer Younger's wife a government job.

McNeil says he wants to hear the full recording first.

Why? Surely his chief of staff knows what he said, and why. Let him speak.

The police didn't think to suggest Shandell McNamara take her concerns to the Human Rights Commission?

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Terrorism doesn't just happen to people in "those places"



Michael Coren
For Metro

As I end my three weeks in Europe, I can't help reflecting on one particular issue: the hierarchy of suffering. Not merely because of its moral implications, but also because of what it says and then dictates about Western foreign policy.

While it is irresponsible and indeed cruel to downplay in any way the horrors that occurred in Paris — and I have a personal connection to the tragedy — we need to remember that massacres are hideously common, sometimes a weekly occurrence, in many parts of the world. Just the day before the French monstrosity, almost 50 people were killed in Beirut and four times as many badly wounded. Last month in Baghdad, 24 people were slaughtered and twice as many wounded. And just a few months ago in a university in Kenya, 147 young people were murdered.

In 2014 I wrote a book about terrorism in the developing world, and the scale and the crippling regularity of it all was often beyond comprehension. While it's facile to attribute our double standard to racism, it does expose a collective numbness that we have developed in the West. If we're honest about it, we simply assume that this is what happens in "those" places but not in Paris, London or, God forbid, Toronto or Montreal.

It's disturbing on many levels, but it's also plain wrong. Cities like Damascus and Beirut used to be safe and secure. I know the region and generally felt safer in Lebanon than much of the United States.

Paris, on the other hand, has witnessed grossly violent revolutions and upheavals for centuries. Religious mass murder in the 16th century, class warfare of incalculable proportions in the 1790s, bloody uprisings in 1830, 1848 and 1870, Nazi occupation in 1940 and colonial wars in the early 1960s.

So when Arabs and Africans offer sympathy for our pain but ask for some reciprocal concern, we should try to appreciate their sensitivities. To put in bluntly, in spite of what we might think, our lives are not more important than theirs.

And this, perhaps, lies at the heart of why we have a problem in the first place. Western foreign policy is of course based on self-interest, and that is entirely understandable, but it leads us to bomb and invade which in turn leads to anarchy and terrorism. I am not trying to justify even a tincture of ISIL's sadism but I do believe that a different approach to "the other" might benefit all of us. To intelligently respond rather than viscerally react is not a sign of weakness, but of strength and wisdom.

A different approach to "the other" might benefit all of us.

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Financial planning for coinciding milestones

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While budgeting and paying for these milestones can seem overwhelming, having a financial plan in place can help manage the financial impact of these significant life moments, whenever they occur.

Lee Bennett, senior vice president, TD Wealth Financial Planning, offers a few key tips on how to plan for life's big moments and your future:

- **Understand your goals:** Knowing the key goals you want to achieve in life is an important first step and will help you decide the best course of action. Think about what you want to accomplish over the next few years to help determine those goals.
- **Develop a roadmap:** To help ensure you are on the right track to reaching your goals, meet with a financial planner to create a plan that's unique to your situation. It's important to review it regularly, as your life changes, to help ensure you're factoring in new milestones.
- **Start saving early:** No amount is too small to put away – for example, making regular contributions in a TFSA will allow you to use the savings towards a wedding, new home or costs associated with a new baby.

Being financially prepared can allow you to better enjoy each and every moment of life's milestones — planned or unexpected.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNER

Lee Bennett, senior vice president, TD Wealth Financial Planning, says it's important to ask yourself some key questions before you meet with a financial planner. Some questions to consider include:

1. How do I handle multiple milestones occurring at the same time?
2. Is it smarter to plan a wedding or buy a home first?
3. What costs should I factor in when contemplating buying a home?
4. How much do I need to save to comfortably enjoy a parental leave?



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Expenses & finances

What does your emergency fund look like?

a. Emergency what?

b. I'm just getting started but have some money set aside.

c. In decent shape – I've got three months' salary stashed away.

d. I've got more than enough to pay my bills, save for the future and still manage to have some fun.

Leisure

What does your entertainment spending look like?

a. I'm living paycheque-to-paycheque because of my entertainment spending.

b. I sometimes go overboard with my entertainment spending.

c. A portion of my budget is set aside for fun – dinners out, the occasional movie or show.

d. I have enough money to do what I want, when I want and my wallet never loses any sleep over it.

Long-term investments

What types of investments do you currently have?

a. Investments?

b. I recently opened a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)/ an RSP and I'm thinking about getting other investments, too.

c. I make regular contributions to my TFSA and RSP and/or hold shares/other investments.

d. I have a solid, diverse portfolio to which I make healthy contributions every month.

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Get to know this motley crew of Defenders



With the arrival of Marvel's Jessica Jones, the second moody superhero series to premiere on Netflix after Daredevil, Marvel's streaming universe is beginning to take shape. Four standalone superhero series will ultimately converge in The Defenders, a miniseries with Avengers-size ambitions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Daredevil

Last year, if you knew nothing about Daredevil, you knew it was an unfortunate Bennifer-era Ben Affleck movie. But when the series premiered on Netflix in April, the blind lawyer throwing punches in the street delivered all the gravitas and grit that fans of the comic demanded. "When I go to (comic-book) shows and I talk to my nerd friends, they are all loving it," says Kevin Polidano, a.k.a. comic-restorationist. "A lot of them say that Daredevil is the best comic-book adaptation they've seen yet." Season 2, premiering in 2016, will introduce another grizzled hero, The Punisher.



Luke Cage

There's no cutesy will-they-or-won't-they between Jessica and Luke Cage: they will-and-they-do in the first episode of Jones. Cage was the first African-American to get his own Marvel title in 1972, complete with jive-talkin' dialogue, his signature "Sweet Christmas!" as a curse word. "Luke Cage was a pure 100 per cent blaxploitation character," says Doug Simpson, manager of Toronto's Paradise Comics. "Big yellow puffy shirt, chain belt, afro." Romantic tension between Jessica and Luke ultimately lead to a super-wedding in the comics.



Iron Fist

Like Cage, Iron Fist was a product of the '70s. "(Marvel) wanted someone they could make kung-fu books about because kung-fu movies were popular," says Simpson. Hence the Tibetan monastery-trained martial arts expert with a chi-charged punch. Comic fans have questioned how Marvel and Netflix will balance Fist's mysticism with the realism of their other characters, but Polidano feels it would bring something original to the group. "All teams have their stock characters," he says. "You need your strongman, you need your scientist, you need the person who can fly, and you need the person who can tackle those mystical threats."



The Defenders

Don't expect this Defenders to resemble the Marvel team of Hulk, Sub-Mariner and Doctor Strange that launched in 1971. "They had increasingly more C-list heroes that would join up," says Cliff Caporale, program director at Ottawa Pop Expo, which took place over the weekend at Ottawa's EY Centre. "I don't have a story to tell for Valkyrie, let's say. She exists, let's use her in Defenders, and bring in these characters that don't necessarily belong together." Opposed to the government-sanctioned Avengers, Simpson calls the Defenders a "group of mismatched heroes who are dealing with crime at street level."









Filmmaker Charles Wilkinson says Haida Gwaiians are creating a sense of community that looks forward with anticipation rather than the fear many other communities feel. COURTESY CHARLES WILKINSON

Hope from the edge of the world

DOCUMENTARY

Haida people are building a better future

Graeme McRanor
For Metro | Vancouver

You'd think it would be hard to find similarities between Haida Gwaii and New York City, the former a remote archipelago with 5,000 residents on British Columbia's North Coast, the latter being, well, New York City.

Each wild, in very different ways. But to Charles Wilkinson, who recently spent time both filming and subsequently screening his documentary Haida Gwaii: On the Edge of the World, the two locales share a common zeal.

"In both places, people feel it's a privilege to live there, and they love where they live," he says.

"New Yorkers, largely, are passionate about their city and Haida Gwaiians are just flat-out passionate about their archipelago. And it's really cool to be in a place that people care about, as opposed to a place where people are just living because they can get a good job there."

Haida Gwaii is one of the few places in North America where natives outnumber (and out-vote) non-natives. The film profiles a unique, inspired community that's striving to undo damage done by a century of relentless resource extraction.

"They've taken such intelligent steps, working together, to create a sense of community there that does look forward, and it looks forward with hope and anticipation rather than the terrified negativity that so many other communities feel," Wilkinson says.

After coming off two environmentally themed projects (Peace Out, Oil Sands Karaoke) that skewed towards pessimism, such contagious optimism was what drew Wilkinson and his partner (in life and "crime") Tina Schliessler to the islands.

"I see the three films as being all part of the same conversation," he says. "(But) the first two films of the series ended up being kind of depressing. So we were looking for something with hope on the horizon.... People have seen how badly we're doing. They're shell-shocked. It's like PTSD. I think we need some sense that we do have the power to change things.

"That's what we really wanted to do — provide some kind of roadmap for how one group of people have managed to seize some kind of control over their own destiny."

It is a group, Wilkinson says, that has endured 10,000 years of changing sea levels, climate change and cultural genocide. Now they're "working to turn their economy around, stop the fleet of oil-laden tankers targeting their sea lanes, and restore balance to the islands for the next generation — or die trying."

Because everything is connected to everything. As Allan Wilson, Haida hereditary chief, explains in the film, "We don't own the animal kingdom. It's a part of us. It's family. Because everything has its part. And every part has its value. And every value contributes to our life."

PRAISE

Award-winning Canadian film

Haida Gwaii: On the Edge of the World won Most Popular Canadian Documentary at this year's Vancouver International Film Festival, Best Feature at Ottawa's One World Film Festival, and Best Canadian Documentary at Hot Docs International Film Festival.

GRAEME MCRANOR/FOR METRO

TRENDS

Would you pay a toonie to pick your seat at the movies?

My favourite seat in a movie theatre is in the very back row, the area the Vaudevillians called the "peanut gallery." I can see the entire screen from up there and also stretch my long legs down the stairs.

I avoid the front row, as do most moviegoers, because I dislike the feeling of being jammed up against the screen, craning my neck and wobbling my head back and forth to see the action. It's my seating of last resort.

If I had my druthers, I'd rip out the first three rows of every theatre, so that you'd never wind up having to sit so close. This would free up space for people to move around, reducing the jams that occur at the end of screenings.

This would evidently not please a small but passionate group of people who prefer the front row, most of them much younger than my 59 years.

"You can tell the age of a theatregoer by where they sit in the auditorium," says Pat Marshall, vice-president of communications for Cineplex Entertainment, Canada's largest movie theatre chain.

"The younger they are, the closer they go to the screen. The older they get, the farther back they go. People truly have a different perspective. Some like centre-centre. Other people like to be on the aisle. Other people like to be up front, and other people way at the back. So it is very subjective."

There are also practical reasons why some moviegoers might prefer the front row. Say you're nearsighted and forgot your glasses at home. Or it's a premiere screening and you're hoping to be close to any talent who might show up.

I'll skip the eye and neck strain, thanks.

But I have to admit, from my lofty perch in the peanut gallery, that lately I have been casting covetous glances at the middle of the theatre. A new and more plush seat is being tested at theatres across Canada. They're in the two middle rows in select auditoriums where patrons can reserve online to guarantee a seat, for a $2-per-ticket surcharge. It's similar to paying for extra legroom on an aircraft.

It's called Cineplex Prime, the new name for an arrangement that used to be called Cineplex Select, when the seating experiment began last year. The name was recently changed because "we discovered it was confusing to people to read 'select your Select seat' on our website," Marshall says. I expect it would also be frustrating to encounter reserved seats in the middle of a movie theatre, a place thought of as an egalitarian preserve.

Marshall reminds me that Cineplex has long offered reserved or assigned seating in its VIP, IMAX and UltraAVX theatres. It also has four primary seat styles: traditional, VIP, UltraAVX and Prime, offering variations on space, comfort and swiveling, plus premium D-Box seats that move in time to the action.

The Prime seating concept is still considered very much an experiment.

And people are still getting used to Prime seats, which tend to blend in with the non-reserved ones. People without Prime tickets sometimes have to be asked to move, Marshall says, but in our very Canadian way, there have been no reports of any serious confrontations. She adds that those who have tried Prime seem pleased with the comfort and also the convenience of a guaranteed centre seat for popular films like Spectre and The Martian.



A $2 additional fee allows moviegoers to pre-select their seats at selected Cineplex locations across Canada. ISTOCK

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Are you a financial match with your mate?

Talk about financial challenges and aspirations before walking down the aisle. ISTOCK

COMPROMISE

Compatibility counts: You must agree on money goals



Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Opposites attract. Birds of a feather flock together. Are you and your mate like two peas in a pod or as different as chalk and cheese?

We can love a body without ever understanding what makes that body tick. Even couples that have been together for eons sometimes scratch their heads at some of the things their mates do. That's because we are evolving creatures constantly responding to the stimuli around us, constantly growing, constantly changing.

Since you're getting married — planning to spend a long, Long, LONG time together — it's important that you both understand how you think and feel about money. It's just as important that you figure out if you're a money match or a money mismatch.

Not feeling the same about money doesn't mean an automatic no-go. People who are less compatible do face more challenges. But those who subvert their own money personality to match their mate's are just asking for trouble. It can't last. And when your mate finds out you've been pretending, it's going to be a tough pill to swallow.

Coming up with a plan for how you'll manage your money means negotiating a common ground. Start by being upfront about who you are, how you feel about money, what's important to you and what isn't. Listen and accept the other person's open and frank discussions about what makes him or her tick.

Once you've got it all on the table, focus on working together to come up with a plan that keeps you both happy.

Money means different things to different people. When two people bring emotional baggage to a relationship — particularly the emotional baggage that surrounds money and that they NEVER talk about — the relationship can turn into a power struggle and life can feel more like strife.

One of the easiest ways to start the conversation about money is by talking about what you're most comfortable with and what you feel is most risky. Since many money issues have a comfort/risk component, it's easy to move from a general discussion to a more specific money talk.

- How much money do you have to have in the bank to feel safe?
- Do you each know what your money set-points are?
- What kinds of investments do you feel are safe (for you) or risky?
- How much debt is too much debt?
- What kind of debt are you willing to take on?
- How much insurance is enough?
- If you have children, how will you keep those children safe financially?

As you get to know each other, you should be working to clarify each other's goals. If it's airy-fairy (I'd like to own a house), nail it down (what kind of house, where, when, how much house?).

You also need to talk about your different approaches to planning. For while one of you may be all spontaneity and impulse, the other may be a structure freak. Figure out what's important to you both so you can draw on each other's strengths to create a solid money match.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com



A new test eliminates the need to withdraw large samples of blood. ISTOCK

MEDICAL ADVANCES

Blood test for the faint-hearted



Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The fear and light-headedness associated with blood testing may one day become a thing of the past.

Researchers at the University of Victoria have developed a method that can test for and measure 25 proteins found in the blood that are linked to certain cancers, cardiovascular issues and diabetes.

And all it takes is a pinprick on the finger and a single drop of blood dried on filter paper.

"We can do up to 25 different tests on the same drop of blood," said UVic biochemist Terry Pearson, who developed the technology with UVic adjunct professor and lifelong friend Leigh Anderson. "It's very difficult to do that with current (blood) tests, which are a bit awkward and has that fear factor associated with it."

Pearson and Anderson, who is based in Washington, D.C., have been developing the technology for 13 years and have launched a startup called SISCAPA Assay Technologies Inc. to bring it to life.

The technique is already being used by the Mayo Clinic and ARUP Labs in the U.S. to test for a protein associated with thyroid cancer.

The pair won the Human Proteome Organization's science and technology award and have also used the test to monitor biomarkers in athletes during the 2015 Pan Am Games and will do so again at the Olympics.

Pearson expects Canadian clinics may begin adopting the test for specific uses within the next two years.

Widespread use could follow.

Pearson said the test has many advantages over traditional blood tests that require samples to be drawn from patient's veins.

One of those advantages is more personalized care.

"You can do it at home and just put it in the mail. You can (test) daily, weekly, monthly, so it allows you to collect longitudinal samples over a period of time," he explained. "It establishes your baseline for a single protein, so if there's a change it sends up a flag."

> **We can do up to 25 different tests on the same drop of blood.**
> Biochemist Terry Pearson

Current blood samples are measured against the average of a patient's age group so results are not as specific.

"Having a personal baseline is much more advantageous," Pearson said.

The technology was developed with support from the Canary Foundation, National Cancer Institute, Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.



metro SPORTS



According to reports, Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas will miss six weeks after fracturing his left hand on Friday night

On both sides of the shutout

QMJHL

Herd blank Saguenéens, put up zero vs. Drakkar



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

You can't say the Halifax Mooseheads didn't try this past weekend.

But their offensive efforts in two games on the road only resulted in one win, a 4-0 shutout over the Chicoutimi Saguenéens on Friday night.

Less than 24 hours later, it was the Mooseheads who were unable to score a goal, as they were blanked 4-0 by the Baie-Comeau Drakkar on Saturday evening — despite the Herd putting an impressive 41 shots on net.



Dominique Ducharme METRO FILE

"Yesterday, we could have been leading by three, four, five goals," Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme said Sunday night, as his team travelled through New Brunswick on their way back from the two-game Quebec roadie.

"We were missing breakaways and scoring chances," Ducharme said. "It was just one of those games."

One of those games when the opposition's goaltender seems almost impossible to solve. Kevin Bouchard of Baie-Comeau made 34 saves in the first two frames alone and turned away 12 shots, including three different breakaways, from Halifax captain Timo Meier.

Halifax netminder Kevin Resop stopped 17 shots, letting in a shorthanded goal from Raphael Santerre late in the second, along with a powerplay marker from Nicolas Leblond and a late-game contribution from Nicolas Meloche.

Chad Pietroniro notched an empty-netter to complete the 4-0 win for the Baie-Comeau Drakkar in front of 1,871 fans at Centre Henry-Leonard.

"We played with speed, we didn't allow or give them anything in the first two periods," Ducharme said of his favourite highlights, despite the loss.

For the most part, the Mooseheads were able to "maintain composure" through their frustration at not being able to score, although Ducharme admit there were moments of impatience on the ice.

"The goalie did a good job on the other side," he said, "and we didn't finish it."

But his Herd did finish the job Friday night, in front of 1,868 fans at Chicoutimi Saguenéens home rink Centre Georges-Vézina.

The Halifax blue line got it started with an unassisted marker from Cavan Fitzgerald and a goal from Toronto Maple Leafs prospect Cody Donaghey in the first.

Forward Andrew Shewfelt scored shorthanded late in the second, blocking a shot, rushing the puck and popping in his own rebound.

Forward Danny Moynihan, who leads the Mooseheads in points this season with 18 goals and 12 assists, capped it off into the empty net for the 4-0 final.

"It's nice to be spreading the scoring around," Ducharme said of seeing D-men step up offensively."We want our Ds to be involved and they did a good job putting pucks at the net."

Ducharme was especially pleased with goaltender Eric Brassard, who made 31 saves.

"He was solid all night," Ducharme said.

And overall, he added, "it was a good solid team win."

NEXT UP

The Mooseheads (9-14-3-1) are back at home Tuesday night when they host provincial rivals the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles. Puck drop is 7 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre.

"It's always tight and tense against Cape," Ducharme said about contests between the Mooseheads and Screaming Eagles.



Eric Brassard made 31 saves to earn a shutout over Chicoutimi on Friday. METRO FILE

IN BRIEF

Thunderbrids steamroll X-Men to win Uteck Bowl

Quarterback Michael O'Connor threw two touchdown passes to Trivel Pinto, and running back Brandon Deschampes added another on the ground to lead the UBC Thunderbirds to a decisive 36-9 victory over the St. FX X-Men in the Uteck Bowl on Saturday in Antigonish.

The Thunderbirds will play the Montreal Carabins for the Vanier Cup in Quebec City next weekend. Montreal beat the Guelph Gryphons 25-10 in the Mitchell Bowl earlier Saturday to advance to the Canadian university football championship game.

O'Connor completed 21 of 31 passes for 272 yards and was intercepted once. UBC kicker Quinn Van Gylswyk added four field goals while Taylor Loffler led the way defensively with a number of big tackles.

X-Men quarterback Tivon Cook threw for 250 yards and one touchdown pass, which came in the last minute of play, and was intercepted three times.

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Kyle Busch claims Sprint Cup

Kyle Busch opened the season in a hospital bed and ended it in victory lane with the championship trophy.

Busch completed the ultimate comeback by winning the season finale Sunday night at Homestead-Miami Speedwaynight and claiming his first career Sprint Cup title just nine months after a serious crash that nearly ended his season.

In the last race of his storied career, Jeff Gordon placed sixth.

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AUS HOCKEY

Huskies keep up hot streak

The women's hockey Huskies continue to heat up Atlantic University Sport ice.

Saint Mary's has now won nine straight games, including a 3-1 win at home over the Moncton Aigles Bleues on Saturday and a 2-0 shutout, again at Alumni Arena, over the St. Thomas Tommies on Sunday.

The Huskies remain in first place of the AUS conference, with a record of 9-2-0.

The Dalhousie Tigers played a tight game against Moncton, but fell 4-3 on Sunday evening at the Halifax Forum. The Tigers are currently in sixth place, ahead of only the UPEI Panthers (2-7-1).

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The Huskies will go for their 10th straight win on Saturday when they host the Mount Allison Mounties.

On the men's side, both the Dalhousie Tigers and Saint Mary's Huskies split their weekends.

The Tigers beat the UPEI Panthers 6-3 on Friday and fell 5-1 to defending AUS champions the UNB Varsity Reds 5-1 on Saturday, with both games held at the Halifax Forum.

The Huskies lost 2-1 in a shootout to the St. Thomas Tommies on Friday, but then edged the Moncton Aigles Bleus 3-2 in overtime Saturday on their weekend road trip.

The Huskies are in fourth place with a 7-4-2 record, while the Tigers are in seventh place with a 4-7-2 record, ahead of only the Tommies. METRO



Henry Burris celebrates his team's win in the eastern final Sunday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Long drought over: Ottawa in Grey Cup

CFL PLAYOFFS

Burris extends great season as Redblacks get past Tiger-Cats

EAST DIVISION FINAL

35 28

A lot of things have happened since the last time a team from Ottawa made an appearance in the Grey Cup including the birth of every player on the Redblacks, save one.

"I bet I know who that is," said Redblacks receiver Brad Sinopoli, who played quarterback for the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees, playing on the same field the Redblacks beat the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 35-28 Sunday to earn a trip to Winnipeg and the 103rd Grey Cup.

Henry Burris, who was six when the Ottawa Rough Riders fell 26-23 to the Edmonton Eskimos in the 1981 Grey Cup, had a career year for the Redblacks setting multiple personal and league records at 40.

"It's an honour for us to be able to deliver this and to see the excitement from the fans," said Burris. "To see the support we've been getting all year long, we have the best fan support in the league. Even last year when we had our struggles the stands were always sold out. Today was extra special."

Burris connected with Greg Ellingson for a 93-yard catch and run touchdown to give the Redblacks a 35-28 lead with under two minutes to go.

Ellingson was born seven years after the Ottawa Rough Riders' last Grey Cup appearance. On Sunday he had five catches for 187 yards and the biggest touchdown of his career.

"It's been a career year for him. He's 40 years old and it's one of the best seasons he's ever had," said Ellingson of Burris. "To have a quarterback producing like that and putting the ball where it needs to go is going to help you win games.

It's been 34 years since that Grey Cup appearance. Redblacks coach Rick Campbell watched that game on television from his home in Edmonton as his father, Hugh Campbell, coached the Eskimos to the win despite trailing 20-1 at the half.

"I was only 10 and I'll be rooting for the Ottawa team this time. I wasn't last time but I will be this time," Campbell said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eskimos give Stamps a good licking

WEST DIVISION FINAL

45 31

Quarterback Mike Reilly scored two touchdowns and passed for three more as the Edmonton Eskimos registered a 45-31 victory over the Calgary Stampeders in the West Division final on Sunday.

Edmonton's special teams unit came up big in the early running as Ryan King recovered a punt fumble by Calgary's Skye Dawson on his own 23-yard line.

That quickly led to a one-yard touchdown plunge by Reilly, followed by a two-point convert pass to Derel Walker.

Calgary responded with a pair of Rene Paredes field goals to close to 8-6 at the end of the opening quarter.

The field goal parade continued before the Eskimos broke the pattern with a 15-yard TD pass from Reilly to Adarius Bowman to head into the dressing room up 20-12.

Edmonton extended its lead three minutes into the third frame as Reilly hit Kenny Stafford for a couple long passes, the second a 38-yard TD strike.

The teams traded field goals once again to make it 31-15 Edmonton at the end of the third.

Edmonton added to its lead to start the fourth as Walker reeled in a 57-yard TD pass.

Dexter McCoil picked off Stamps QB Bo Levi Mitchell on the next series, eventually setting up an eight-yard QB keeper by Reilly.

The Stamps kept their cool and came right back with a 66-yard TD pass from Mitchell to Eric Rogers and then another 16-yard major on a pass to Joe West, both of which were capped off by two-point converts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FERRIS, John (Jack)



Age 66, of Cole Harbour. A son of the late W. Allen Ferris and Verna Connors passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on November 21, 2015.

For the last nine years Jack worked at Twin City management as a superintendent. Throughout his life Jack loved music, driving his car and having a cup of coffee with his friends at Tim Hortons. He also enjoyed a great game of Yatzee with his friends from Sackville. Jack especially loved playing video games and hanging out with his bubbie Ty and his best girl Bree.

Jack is survived by his loving wife Diana; daughters Patty Ferris (Archie), Tina Ferris (Softie);step daughter, Nitta Thurrott; brother Larry (Carol) Ferris; sisters, Sandy Ellis (Clarence), Michelle Connors (Cal); grandchildren Kristen, Gregory,Tyshawn; great grand-daughter Bree; Step Mother Ann Ferris, several aunts and uncles nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents Jack was predeceased by his brother Merlie Ferris, and Mom Eileen Ferris.

In Lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made to the MS Society or a Charity of your choice.

Cremation has taken place and a small graveside service for family and friends will be held at a later date.

The family would like to send a special thanks to the nurses at the Dartmouth General ICU and the Halifax Infirmary Unit 5.2.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com (Dartmouth Chapel)

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TENNIS

Djokovic tops Federer, wins fourth straight ATP

Novak Djokovic won his fourth straight title at the season-ending ATP finals by beating six-time champion Roger Federer 6-3, 6-4 Sunday.

Djokovic, who won three Grand Slam titles this year and reached the final in the other, capped the best season of his life with another superb display on the tennis court, including winning 16 of the 19 points on his second serve and saving both break points he faced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Panthers still rolling, now 10-0



Cam Newton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/CHUCK BURTON

NFL

Newton fires five TD passes in rout of Skins

Cam Newton didn't have any new touchdown celebrations on Sunday. He let his receivers do the dancing for him.

Newton threw a career-high five touchdowns passes, and the Carolina Panthers improved to 10-0 on the season with a 44-16 win over the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

Newton completed 21 of 34 passes for 246 yards and threw TD passes to five different receivers as Carolina stretched its regular-season win streak to 14 games, including eighth straight at home.

The Panthers are the 16th team in the Super Bowl era to start 10-0.

Of the previous 15, all made the playoffs and nine have advanced to the Super Bowl, with six winning it all.

The Panthers scored 27 points off five Washington turnovers, three of those by quarterback Kirk Cousins.

Newton became the first Carolina QB in franchise history to throw four TD passes in the first half as the Panthers jumped out to a 31-14 lead.

Jonathan Stewart ran for 102 yards on 21 carries and caught a 12-yard touchdown pass. Mike Tolbert, Greg Olsen, Ted Ginn Jr. and Devin Funchess also caught TD passes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Sweet Potato and Kale Hash with Fried Eggs



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Why not eat a fried egg for dinner? Especially when it's sitting pretty on top of this super food hash. Because, you know, #PutAnEggOnIt

Ready in
Prep time: 40 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 cups sweet potato dice
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp minced fresh rosemary
- Salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsps butter, plus extra for eggs
- 1 shallot, diced
- 2 sprigs thyme
- 1 cup frozen chopped kale
- 4 eggs

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Blanche sweet potato cubes for 2 minutes. Then drain and rinse under cold water. Drain well. Place the potatoes in a medium bowl and add maple syrup, rosemary and salt and pepper. Toss. Refrigerate for about 15 minutes.

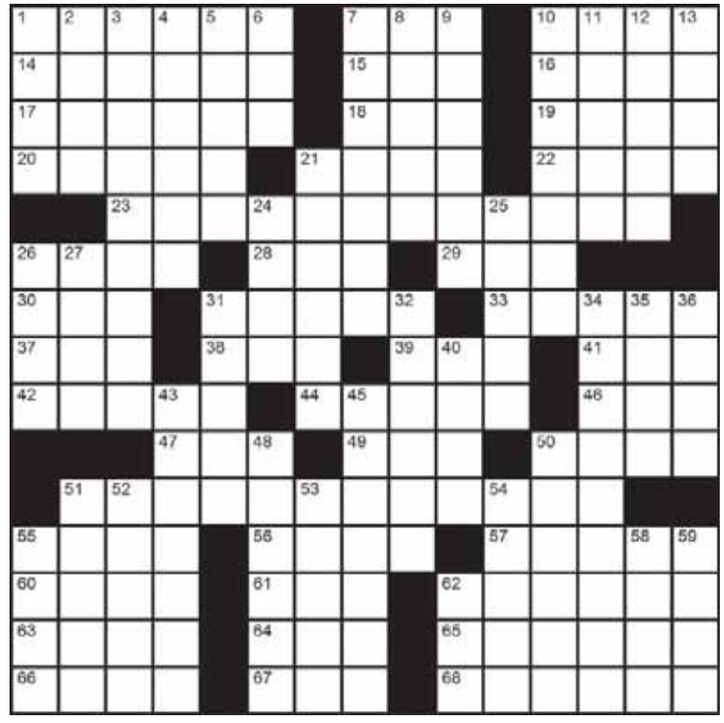
2. Heat a large frying pan over medium heat and add butter and shallots. Just as the shallots soften, add sweet potato and any liquid that's collected at the bottom of the bowl as well as the sprigs of thyme. Sauté over medium-high heat for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sweet potatoes should be a crisp, toasty brown. Add kale to the pan and gently mix it into the potatoes. Cook for about 3 to 5 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, heat another large frying pan over medium heat. Melt a pat of butter and then slowly crack all four eggs into it. Just let the eggs sit. Allow the eggs to cook until the whites are set and the edges start to curl up. If the whites in the middle of the eggs are not set, cover the pan for 2 minutes. Serve a hearty scoop of hash with a fried egg on top.

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19. Bouncy-less
20. Astronomer's realm
21. _ butter (Beauty cream stuff)
22. Cycled
23. Canadian channel BNN = _ _ Network
26. Amateurs one day
28. _ es Salaam, Tanzania
29. Little bit
30. Traveller's time delay
31. Buenos _ (Capital of Argentina)
33. Madonna hit
37. Prefix meaning 'Egg'
38. Internet chuckle
39. Hot drink in a Montreal restaurant
41. Bitty badges
42. _ of cake (Easy)
44. _-paced (Slow)
46. Half of Dave Grohl's band
47. 'Outer'-meaning prefix
49. _ painting
50. RR depots
51. Highly decorated Canadian fighter pilot of Word War II who died mysteriously in a plane crash at age 26 in 1948: 2 wds.
55. Collector's suffix
56. Labels
57. Jack _, Kiefer Sutherland's "24" role
60. _ Flon, Manitoba
61. Lettered sun ray
62. Have ambitions
63. Bruce Springsteen's "_ _ Fire"
64. Arrange
65. Show the client the way to the conference room: 2 wds.
66. Ms. Daly
67. Mr. Asner's
68. Aim

DOWN
1. Red Planet
2. Farm yield
3. _ Peaks Resort (Skiing destination about an hour from Ottawa)
4. Calculating machine
5. What an actor memorizes
6. Chap
7. "How do ya like that?": 2 wds.
8. Boo-hoo-hoos
9. Meal
10. Fettuccine _ (Rich pasta dish)
11. Under
12. "Blimey!"
13. Books bag
21. Fido's fearsome frowns
24. Prefix to 'syncrasy' (Mannerism)
25. Variety of orange
26. Sound in the Alka-Seltzer song
27. Sitarist Mr. Shankar
31. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Johnson
32. House level separators
34. It gives suggestions for Christmas shopping: 2 wds.
35. Japanese cuisine noodle
36. Those, in Spanish
40. Parliament _
43. French painter of The Card Players, Paul _ (b.1839 - d.1906)
45. Fillings in Snickers chocolate bars
48. Between 90 and 180 degrees, as per angles
50. Get short with: 2 wds.
51. Mild, as weather
52. Actress, Gabrielle _
53. Having a roof overhang
54. Henrik _ (A Doll's House playwright)
55. "_ _ ain't broke..."
58. Dublin's poetic land
59. Broadway musical
62. Ms. Landry

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Keep your opinions to yourself over the next few days. If you say the wrong thing you could make an enemy. Don't make things unnecessarily difficult for yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be careful who you rely on because there is a lot at stake. If a partner or co-worker makes a mistake don't let employers or other important people put the blame on you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is generally a positive time for you but you still need to be cautious. Be especially wary of people who flatter because they are obviously looking to help themselves in some way — at your expense, of course.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try to be more serious about what you own and what you earn, but not so serious that you forget about everything else. Dollars and cents are important, but only as a means to an end, not as an end in itself.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Why are people so demanding? Why do they expect so much? Maybe because of your high standards they think you can do anything. Or maybe they can get away with making outrageous demands. Don't let them.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you start something new today it is unlikely to work out well, so put it off and focus on making the best of what you are already working on.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If the atmosphere in a relationship has been heavy you have the chance to improve things today. No matter what they have said or done put that behind you and focus on the simple things that make your bond work.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Speak up now or forever hold your peace. If you have something to say — or complain about — you must get it off of your chest immediately. Later in the week no one will listen.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You won't make an anxiety-ridden situation better by worrying. Identify exactly what the problem is, then come up with a plan to take care of it. It's not as bad as you fear.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Put memories and regrets behind you and make the best of what you have got. You're a Capricorn, you're supposed to be courageous and confident.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What happens today will remind you that material matters are of secondary importance. What gives life its value is how you relate to other people. Try to see the best in everyone.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't take on any new commitments today. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart means you won't lack for opportunities but you need to be patient.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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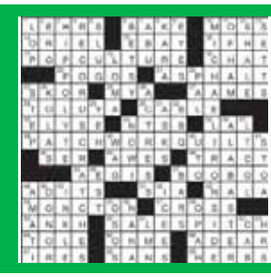
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